

## Valarie Burks

Valarie Burks was appointed the Associate Chief Information Officer for Cyber and Privacy Policy and Oversight in May 2009. Ms. Burks is responsible for providing leadership and strategic direction for Information Technology Policy, Cyber Security Policy, Security Compliance, Awareness, and Privacy for USDA's information technology program.

Ms. Burks served as Director for USDA's Washington Communications and Technology Services Division since February 2005. Prior to that appointment, she served as Director for the USDA Universal Telecommunications Network (UTN) program. Ms. Burks began her Federal service as an Auditor/Computer Scientist with the Government Accountability Office in 1989. She has more than 20 years of experience leading IT organizations in the Federal and private sector.

Ms. Burks received her Bachelor of Science Degree in Computer Science from the University of Maryland, Baltimore County. She also received her Master of Science Degree in Computer Systems Management from the University of Maryland, University College. In August 2008, Ms. Burks completed the Key Executive Leadership Certificate Program at American University.